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# LETTER

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THE RIGHT  
HONOURABLE

*Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, Sir Hugh  
Cholmley, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Henry  
Cholmley, Committees of the Commons  
House of Parliament, residing  
at Yorke.*

T O G E T H E R,

With a Relation of all the passages at the  
great meeting at *Yorke*, on Thursday the 12.  
of this instant May.

With the Votes from the Lords in Parlia-  
ment, concerning His Majesties Resolution for the ad-  
journing of the next Term from *Westminster* to  
*Yorke*, May 17. 1642.

*Job. Brown Cler. Parl.*

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S. I. R.,



IN our last Letter we gave you an Accompt of our first and second waiting on the King, we writ to you then, that his Majesty commanded us to attend him yesterday being Thursday, to hear what he said to the Gentlemen; Which a little before the meeting, he seconded by a particular *Message*. Being come thither, his Majesty caused the severall

*Messages* between him, and the Parliament, mentioned in this inclosed printed Paper to be read.

This was done with much humming, and applause of the Kings *Messages* by some persons who had placed themselves neer about where the King stood. But when any thing from the Parliament came to be read, with so much hissing, and reviling the Parliament, that though in respect, and Duty to the Kings Person, we could not resent it, as otherwise We should have done, yet have since expostulated, and complained of it to his Majesty. Some were so bold as to say openly, That the Parliament men should set their Houses in Order, for many of them should shortly have their Heads off; One of which (as since wee are credible informed) was one *Harst*, a Servant to one *Master William Crofts*. In this which was said by the King, you will see what reason Wee had to vindicate our selves, and therefore we immediatly repaired to the Deans House with all the other Gentlemen, and there wee took notice of the rough usage we had received; Wee told them that it was neither indiscretion nor disobedience in us (as His Majesty was pleased to call it) to deliver the Parliaments *Message*, or stay here though commanded to the contrary, since we conceived no man needed to be satisfied in so cleer a Case as this

this; That every Member of each House ought to obey their Commands, when they were pleased to employ them. But since his Majesty thought fit to bid them, take heed of us, not knowing what doctrine of disobedience we might preach to them under colour of obeying the Parliament, we appealed to every man, whether we had in word or deed, in publike or in private, done any thing that became not honest men, and persons employed from the Parliament. That we had communicated our Instructions to his Majesty, being that we would avow all our Actions, and that we were confident it would not be said, we had transgressed them. This was very well taken and justified by the Countrey. Yesterday there came divers thousands of Freeholders to this City, though none but the Gentry were summoned, but receiving a Command from the King not to come to Court, they forbore, and staid in the Castle yard, yet sent this Petition enclosed to his Majesty, and received the Answer annexed thereunto. There was likewise a Committee of twelve Gentlemen appointed yesternight to consider of drawing up an Answer to the Kings proposition concerning a Guard, but nothing could be then done, because it was past three a clock before the Gentlemen were admitted to the King. This morning the Freeholders assembled again in the Castle yard, and there they made this Protestation enclosed, of their right of voting in what concerneth the peace of the Countrey, as having their interest therein.

When we all met this morning again at the Deanes house, we who are your Committees received this message by Sir *Edward Stanhop*, that he came from his Majesty to command us, that we should depart from this meeting, and if we did stay, His Majesty would judge us guilty of that he spake on yesterday, which was Tampering. Notwithstanding which Command, we read the fourth Article of our Instructions to the whole Company, that being pertinent to the business we were then upon, and desired them to consider, whether the Parliament had not expressed therein such a care of the Kings safety, that there would be little need of Guards: We told them that we had a good right of being there as Freeholder of the County, but that in obedience to the King we would depart for this time: But whensoever there



there should be occasion of our being there in pursuance of our Instructions and commands from the Parliament, we should be ready. The whole company received great satisfaction, and desired a Copy of that instruction which wee gave them. Wee were the more willing at that time to goe from thence, because wee should not onely give Obedience to the Kings command, which otherwise he would have said, wee constantly disobeyed, but because the Committee of Twelve appointed yesternight were then to withdraw, so that there was nothing for the present for us to doe; We immediately went to the King, and besought him that since wee were continually so discountenanced by him, in the face of our Country, that hee would be pleased to let us know in particular wherein we had given the occasion, for wee otherwise conceived we were deprived of that Liberty, which was our due in respect of that interest wee had here. His Majesty was pleased to tell us, that if wee would lay aside that condition of Committees from the Parliament, hee would not hinder us to bee there as Gentlemen of the Country; We humbly replied, that wee could not lay that downe nor could we be absent from any meeting where our presence was required, for the service as Committees from the Parliament: to which his Majesty said, That indeed hee thought wee could not lay it downe; neither that it was reasonable we should have Votes, and be in a double Capacity. The Committee hath been together most part of this day, but not agreeing: Sixe of them have drawne up this Answer enclosed, which they have communicated to the Gentlemen, and Freeholders. The greater part of the Gentlemen, and all the Freeholders have agreed to, and subscribed it. The other six have concluded upon this other Answer consenting to a Guard of Horse, but this we doe not heare, that they have gotten many names too, nor can wee get a Copie of those names as yet, though these be very few, yet whether they can bring in any Horse or no we cannot yet judge. The King hath received both these resolutions, which with his Answers to them you shall likewise have here inclosed. His Majesty had declared

declared himself yesterday, that he would raise that Regiment, which was Sir Robert Stricklands for his foot guard, but he hath now laid aside that Resolution. The Freeholders of the Countie are now newly summoned to attend his Majesty about a weeke herce, the three Rydings upon three severall dayes, but for what service we doe not know.

Sir, you have here a large Narrative of the passages at this meeting; what dangers this poore Countrey lyes under, wee humbly referre it to you to judge, not taking upon us to deliver any opinion. The businesse lasted so long, that it hindered us from giving a more speedy accompt. Sir, This is what at this time is sent from

Torke 13. May  
1642.

Your assured Friends  
and servants,

Fer. Fairfax.  
Hugh Cholmley.  
Philip Stapleton.  
He. Cholmley.

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The Answer to His Majesties Propositions,  
of the Gentlemen and Freeholders which subscribed the same at the Deanes House,  
where the Sheriffe was.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

THE Propositions delivered to us yesterday, from Your Majesty are of so high concernment to the weale and peace of the whole Kingdome, and doth so neerly touch upon the affection and fidelity of all your subjects in generall, as we being but a part of one Countie onely, doe not conceive it safe for us to advise therein, but rather humbly to beseech your Majesty to impart the grounds of your Majesties Feares

and Ielousies to your High Court of Parliament ( of whose most loyall care and affection to your Majesties honour and safety, and the prosperity of your Subjects and Dominions we are most confident ) and whatsoever shall be abvised by your great Councell therein we shall most willingly imbrace and give our concurrence and assistance to it as sha'll become us, In whose fidelity and affection your Majesty hath often declared especiall trust ; And albeit we doe not presume to advise your Majesty in that particular being of transcendent consequence, nevertheless in the behalfe of those members of Parliament lately imployed to attend your Majesty from both Houses, being all of them Gentlemen of quality and estate in this Countie, and trusted to serve in that most Honourable Assembly ; Wee humbly crave your Majesties leave to expresse our confidence in their unstained Loyalty and affection to your majesty to be such as your majesty may securely admit their attendance to negotiate their imployments, until they be recalled by the Parliament. And for their fidelity, we doe all ingage our selves to your majesty, and we are most assured that your Royall person shall be secure in the generall Fidelity of your subjects of this Countie without any extraordinary guard.

*His Majesties Answer to this returned by the Sherifffes.*

**H**is Majesty expects the like affection from you, that he doth from the other Gentlemen ; and that he hath the same confidence in you, that he hath in the others.

*The names of those Gentlemen which were taken by the Sherifffes.*

Sir Thomas Fairefax  
 Sir William Constable.  
 Sir Matthew Boynton.  
 Sir Thomas Gower.  
 Sir William St. Quintin.  
 Sir Edward Rhodes.  
 Sir Hugh Bethell.  
 Sir Tho. Renington.  
 Arthur Nevell,

Sir Iohn Savell.  
 M. Tho. Jopson.  
 Tobias Jenkins.

Sir William Crayley.  
 Sir Thomas Norcliffe.  
 Sir Arthur Ingram.  
 Sir Richard Darley.  
 Sir Jarvis Cutler.  
 Sir William Fairefax.

Sir William Lyfter.  
 Henry St. Quintin.  
 John Ferrer.



John West.	Henry Atkinson.	Henry Wythes.
William Bethell.	George Mountain.	Thomas Stockdale.
William Gower.	Richard Trewman,	Sackvill Pope.
Thomas Heblethwaite,	George Eure,	George Marwood.
John Savile of Medlee.	John Saltmarsh.	William Copley.
Lionell Copley.	Edward Gower.	Cuthbert Creak.
William Cob.	Doyley Gower.	Thomas Rookby.
John Calverley.	Francis Grimsstone.	John Angla by,
Arthur Beckwith.	Christopher Waters.	Matthew Beckwith.
Christopher Copley.	Thomas Croft.	William Parker.
George Trotter.	Henry Westbie.	William Ienings.
Thomas Bradford.	Richard Wiibore.	Job Hackwood.
Mathew Allured.	Robert Shepheard	John Acklam.
John Stillington.	Iervas Hamond.	John Choimley.
Thomas Newark	Henry Savile	Lancelott Allured
John Lambert.	Francis Grimston.	M. Stephen Quintin
Willoby Godfrey	John Stillington	John Beverley
Mr. Bointon	George Wellby	Benjamin Brown
Charles Fairfax	Henry Arthington	Henry Tempest.

*These are the names subscribed in one sheet, there being many other sheets filed together, all of them subscribed, and amongst them many Gentlemen of note, but I took note onely of the first sheet having no more time.*

### To the Kings most excellent Majesty.

**W**E Knights and Gentlemen whose names are subscribed do unanimously present this our Answer to your Majesties Propositions concerning the raising of a Guard of horse for the security and defence of your sacred person.

To which proposition we, as we conceive our selves bound by Allegiance, do willingly concur. For that purpose humbly desiring that the aforesaid may be raised by legall Authority : And likewise that it may consist of persons unquestionable in their Religion, and Gentlemen.

#### *The substance of His Maiesties Answer.*

His Majesty gave them thanks, for it appeared as a satisfactory Answer, and in it they had shewed great circumspection and wisdom, by chusing such whose Loyalties could not be questioned, by excluding Recusants and all suspected to be disaffected.

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Die Martis 17. May, 1642.

**W**Hereas the Lords in Parliament, have this day been Informed, That the King is resolved to adjourn the next Term from *Westminster* to *Tork*; Upon which, The Lords sent a Committee to the Lord Keeper of the great Seal of *England*, to know of him, whether he had received any Command touching the same, who acquainted the said Committee, That he had received command from his Majesty, to issue Proclamations, and Writs, to that purpose.

Wherupon, this House taking the said matter into consideration, hath Voted: That the Kings removall of the Term to *Tork*, from *Westminster*, sitting this *Parliament*, is illegall.

And hath further Ordered, That the said Lord Keeper shall not issue out any Writs, or Seal any Proclamation, for adjourning the said next Term from *Westminster* to *Tork*, as aforesaid.

*J. h. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*